

Second Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Migdal et al.
Appl. No. 09/203,894



REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 through 5, 7, 8, 10 through 19, 21, 22, and 24 through 28 are pending in the application with claims 1 and 15 having been amended. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested as it is believed they place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

In the Advisory Action of August 11, 2000, the Examiner stated that the amendments proposed in the response to the Office Action of June 29, 2000, which was filed August 7, 2000, would not be entered because the amendatory format of bracketing/underlining did not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(d); specifically, the bracketing/underlining format is not permitted when bracketed subject matter is to be retained in the claims. The Examiner advised that the amendments would be entered if they were resubmitted in proper format.

In order to conform to the Examiner's advice, claims 1 and 15 have now been amended to change the brackets formerly appearing therein to parentheses. All other parts of the response filed August 7, 2000 are retained and incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and an early Office Action to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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